2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

FALL RIVER

Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Fall River, Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Bristol Workforce Investment Board, Fall River Health & Human Services, Fall River Police Department, Fall River Public Schools, Fall River YMCA, Family Service Association, Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, Massachusetts Parole Board, PAACA Inc. (Fall River Youth Court), Solid Ground Psychotherapy, United Neighbors, Youth Build

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi

Funding Allocation



903 Total Youth Served

48%



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in . their home or community.

46% High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development Recreation*



650 Participated in Positive Youth Development

Programs

Developed Communication and **Conflict Resolution** Skills

186

Case Management 8 Street Outreach or Intervention



98 Received Case Management Services

Received Street Outreach Services

55

Education **Employment**



22 Completed a Subsidized

Employment Program

Participated in **Education Programs**

22

Suppression



355

191 **Hot Spot Patrols** Gang Members and High Impact Players Completed

Community Mobilization



2,708

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

185

Arrested

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Massachusetts	Community Risk Factors	Fall River
6,811,779	Total Population (2016 Estimate)	88,930
11.4%	Population Lives in Poverty	22.0%
3.8%	Unemployment Rate	6.7%
953,748	Total School Population) (2016-2017)	10,163
30.2%	Economically Disadvantaged	65.8%
1.8%	High School Dropout Rate	5.1%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Fall River

18 Street Gangs

118
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Fall River Police Department identified 622 gang members from 18 street gangs. Roughly 19% of the identified gang members were under the age of 25. Revenge shootings, stabbings, robberies, burglaries, vandalism, narcotic and firearm distribution and possession, at a minimum, constituted gang activity.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017



Massachusetts

Simple Assaults



